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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner Afsar M. Qureshi	Art Unit 2616	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 February 2006.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Response to Amendment

1. This action is responsive to amendment received on 2/21/2006.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments, see amendment, filed 2/21/2006, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-4 under 35 USC 102 (b) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, in view of amendments to claims 1 and 4, a new ground(s) of rejection is made.

Applicant argued that the cited art, Huusko (US 6,397,065) does not disclose the added limitations in claims 1 and 4. However, the new art cited below reads on the added limitations.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-4 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Huusko (US 6,397,065) in view of "RESEARCH ACTIVITIES ON UMTS RADIO INTERFACE, NETWORK ARCHITECTURES, AND PLANNING (IEEE 1988) by Ermanno Berruto et al. [XP – 000740416] (hereinafter 'Berruto').

Consider claims 1, 2 and 4, Huusko discloses a network comprising a location area connected by a radio access network (column 1, lines 43-45) to at least two core networks having different functionality (column 1, line 43), wherein the radio access network switches packet transmissions from each terminal in the location area to one of at least two core networks (column 1, lines 57-60) characterized in that the radio access network switches packet transmissions from each terminal to one of the at least two core networks in dependent on the terminal's capabilities (column 1, lines 57-63).

Huusko discloses various types of core network connected to a 3G radio access network, however, Huusko does not specifically discuss "connecting 2G radio access network to 2G core network terminals that are not capable of connection to 3G radio access network,..." as added in the claims 1 and 4 via amendment.

Berruto, in the same field of endeavor, discloses a dual mode operation such that the 2G (GSM) network connects to 2G core network terminals not capable of connection to 3G (UMTS) network and connecting to 3G terminals that are capable of connecting to 3G network (see "Assumed Basic Network Architecture For the Radio Interface Definition" page 88, Figures 4 and 5).

Regarding claim 3, Huusko teaches a location updating method (column 3, line 24-28) in which the radio access network switches packet transmissions from each terminal to one of the at least two core networks in dependence on the identity of the cell in which the terminal is connected.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of invention, to modify Huusko utilizing teachings of Berruto for an efficient global multimedia mobility.

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Widegren et al. (US 6,374,112); Rinne et al. (US 6,574,473).

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

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6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Afsar M. Qureshi whose telephone number is (571) 272 3178.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar can be reached on (571) 272 7488. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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